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SUBJ: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, WE HAVE APPROACHED SEVERAL WEO'S THIS WEEK REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN EXPERTS GROUP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY. SOME WEO'S UNAVAILABLE DUE TO HOLIDAY. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH UN SECRETARIAT BOTH COMPOSITION OF GROUP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARIAT, BEYOND PROVIDING INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE OF MEXICAN RESOLUTION, PLANS TO LEAVE TO EXPERTS THEMSELVES DECISION ON STUDY'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. TEN-
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TATIVELY, THIS WOULD BE DONE AT FIRST MEETING PLANNED

FOR FEBRUARY 4-15 IN NEW YORK. (SECRETARIAT THINKING
IN TERMS OF SECOND MEETING, APRIL 22 TO MAY 3, IN GENEVA,
AND THIRD MEETING, PERHAPS IN AUGUST, IN NEW YORK.)

3. WE HAVE SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY REPORTS FROM SECRETARIAT
AT THIS POINT, BUT WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARIAT ALREADY
HAS ASKED OR WILL ASK FOLLOWING ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PARTICI-
PATING IN EXPERTS GROUP: FOUR NUCLEARS; LA: BRAZIL, MEXICO;
ASIA: INDIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN; AFRICA: ETHIOPIA, NIGERIA,
TUNISIA; EE: BULGARIA, HUNGARY AND YUGOSLAVIA; WEO: SWEDEN.
SUCH A COMPOSITION OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE UNSATISFACTORY AND WE HAVE
MADE POINT TO SECRETARIAT, WHICH ASSURES US COMPOSITION IS FAR
FROM FIXED.

4. JAPANESE HAVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT WOULD PERMIT PARTICIPA-
TION ASSUMING FRANCE, UK AND US DO SO. PARTLY AS RESULT OUR
APPROACHES, AUSTRALIANS, CANADIANS, DUTCH AND DANES ARE REQUEST-
ING GUIDANCE FROM CAPITALS ON POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION. FRG
MISSION RULES OUT PARTICIPATION. UK NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEK.
WHEN WE APPROACHED FRENCH DEC 28, COUNSELOR SCALABRE, ALTHOUGH
STILL WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, HAD ALREADY INDEPENDENTLY ARRIVED
AT SAME CONCLUSIONS AS REFTEL, BOTH REGARDING TERMS OF REFERENCE
AND WEO REPRESENTATION. AT CONCLUSION OF OUR DISCUSSION,
SCALABRE PROPOSED CONVENING WEO'S PLUS US AND PERHAPS JAPAN
NEXT WEEK TO CONCERT PLANNING. THIS WOULD INCLUDE POSSIBLE EFFORT
TO STRENGTHEN WEO REPRESENTATION ON EXPERTS GROUP.

5. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SECRETARIAT AND FRENCH AND OTHERS.
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